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	Presiding
	Invocation
	Dean of Instruction
	Singing of the National Anthem The Star-Spangled Banner
	"The Ac'cents"
	Mr. Tony Kinton, Director
	Welcoming Comments
	Introductions and Comments
	Dean of Students
	Recognition of Miss Erma Lee Barber
	Instructor Emeritus
	Response from the Barber Family Mr. Wayne Barber,
	Nephew of Miss Barber
	Dedicatory Remarks
y	Rural Development
	Miss Veronica Haynes, Student Body Assn. President
	Mr. Joe Killens, Director of Student Life
	Tour/Open House Student Services Staff and
	Barber Hall Residents
	Reception
	Barber Hall Residents

# EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

## ERMA LEE BARBER HALL

Dedication Ceremony

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999 3:00 P.M.

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### Decatur

Frma Lee Barber, 98, former Dean of Women at East Central Junior College. died Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at home. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. today at Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Forest, Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with burial in the Barber Family Cemetery in Burns, Rev. H.G. Winstead will officiate.

Miss Barber was a native of the Burns Community in Smith County and had been a resident of Decatur since 1951. She was a member of Burns United Methodist Church and attended Decatur United Methodist Church in Decatur for a number of years. Miss Barber graduated from Flora High School in 1924 and entered Mississippi State College for Women, at Columbus, where she majored in Home Economics, receiving her B.S. degree in 1928. She immediately entered the profession of teaching and for the fist 18 years she taught at White Oak School in Smith County, and at Raleigh, Lake, Madden. Vicksburg, and Leland high schools. Then, for several years, she was connected with the State Department of Education, checking Home Economics Departments in South Mississippi. But to fulfill an ideal, she did post graduate work at Peabody (Nashville), University of Tennessee (Knoxville), Mississippi State, and Mississippi Southern, Being a person who loves people and with an overwhelming desire to help others, especially girls, toward a happier and more useful citizenship, she accepted a position in 1947 as Social Advisor at Mississippi State College for Women, her Alma Mater where she remained for four years. She then accepted a position with East Central Junior College on July 1, 1952, as Dean of Women and remained under the administration of four college presidents for a 19 year period until she retired on June 30. 1971.

Survivors include: two nephews, Anse Barber and wife Linda of Brandon, and Wayne Barber and wife Corrine of Jackson and their families. She loved her great-nieces and nephews and greatgreat nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Burns United Methodist Church, 105 SCR 32, Raleigh, MS 39153 or Decatur Methodist Church, P.O. Box 325, Decatur, MS

39327.

## ERMA LEE BARBER HALL GROUND BREAKING PROGRAM

October 13, 1998 2:30 p.m.

Presiding		Dr. Eddie	M. Smith,	President
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#### GROUND BREAKING PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Mike Allen
Mr. Wayne Barber
Mr. Randall Lee
Mr. Steve Lee
Mr. Joe McDorman, Jr.
Miss Laura Ming
Mr. Charles Moulds
Mr. Jerry Nance
Mr. Billy Nicholson
Mr. Michael Peterson
Mr. William Simpson
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Mr. Oliver Smith
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

You are cordially invited to attend the

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FOR THE

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OF

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SOUTH CAMPUS

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Congratulates

## East Central Community College

on the dedication of the

Erma Lee Barber Hall

October 12, 1999

David L. Beckley, President

